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Herald of HOLINESS

January 14, 1959

Wholehearted Christianity

General Superintendent Young

Jesus always rejected the insipid and lukewarm in religion. He pointed out that the coarse sins of Noah's day were actually derived from a life of drifting. As we study Jesus' teachings, it seems nearly impossible for a man without enthusiasms to be a follower of His.

He seems utterly unequivocal in His moral demands. He soundly condemned the people who made great promises of good deeds and never fulfilled them. He insisted that material things can never take God's place. He actually described covetousness as a form of idolatry. According to Him, the choice before us is God or mammon; we cannot have both. Even the rich young ruler, whom He loved deeply, He allowed to go away empty and sad, for He could not make an exception of him.

For Jesus, Christianity is a way of life—radiant and abundant. He always seemed to reach out to the people who were wholehearted, like Zacchaeus, who climbed a tree in his eagerness to see the Master. He commended the widow who pestered the unjust judge until he granted her vengeance over her adversary. He also spoke favorably of the man who begged bread insistently of his neighbor at night in order to feed an unexpected guest. On another occasion His patient labor with a sinful Samaritan woman was finally rewarded with an enthusiastic response and contagious witness to her friends.

In one of His keenest parables He likened the kingdom of Heaven to a merchant seeking goodly pearls. When this man found the pearl of great price, he sold all he had and bought it. Jesus suggests here that there is a holy recklessness to the Kingdom way. He would probably agree with one of the Early Church fathers who wrote, "We must love God above all if we would seek Him at all." The way that Jesus described and exemplified is the way for the wholehearted. There are no straddlers in His kingdom.

***I am come that they might have life, and that they
might have it more abundantly (John 10:10).***



LATE NEWS

Word has been received, "Franklin, Ohio, church celebrated its forty-second birthday in Golden Anniversary year. In December had a most successful holiness convention with Rev. Ponder Gililand; outstanding victories around the altar. United, we look forward to the future with anticipation."

Word has been received from Superintendent D. D. Lewis of the Kentucky District: "On Wednesday, December 17, I organized the Parkwood Church, Louisville, Kentucky, with ten charter members. This is our fourth for the Golden Anniversary year."

My Hills Have Valleys Too

By MARY HAWKS

Once as I traveled over the plains of southern New Mexico, I was thinking of the dryness of the arid climate and noticing the lack of green plant life. Only the sharp, jagged rock and cacti were visible for miles; yet in the dry, almost lifeless, climate I felt on the mountaintop with God. As I drove along—too fast I am sure—I came to the top of a hill, and there I came to an abrupt stop.

Beneath me I could see water, green trees, and flowers. Here in this dry land, just over a hill was a valley—a green valley.

Immediately I realized that I could not always be on the hilltop, but that life had its valleys too. God had been with me on the hilltop and He would go through the valleys.

God became more real to me than ever, and I came to understand more fully that "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me" (Psalms 23:4) meant exactly what it said. My hills have valleys too, but they are greener!

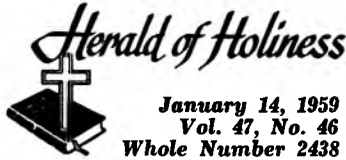
GOOD MORNING!

By PEARL BURNSIDE McKINNEY

*When the day is out before you,
And the work is piled up high;
When the heavy family budget
Is balanced with a sigh—*

*The load is somehow lighter,
The tasks more quickly done,
When all alone with Jesus
You greet the rising sun.*

*Why would you wait 'til evening
To get alone and pray?
The Master's heart is yearning
To walk with you throughout the day.*



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"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9).

The Church, so long as it has the lost sinner as its central theme and reason for existence, remains an organism spiritually alive and sensitive to the leadings of the Holy Spirit. Once it loses its vision or substitutes an inferior theme, it becomes merely an organization subject to all the failures and blunders of "enlightened man."—SELECTED.

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God" (Psalms 20:7).

Lift the Light

By CHRISTINE WHITE

*Hold high the gleaming torch of truth,
And let its glorious light
Shine upon the rocky path,
Illumining the night.
For other feet must pass this way,
And other hands must take
The torch and bear it as you did,
For our dear Master's sake.
Hold high the lantern of God's love,
Nor let the light grow dim.
Through storm and flood o'er wind and wave,
Lift up the light for Him!*

"I Am the Bread of Life"

By W. DON ADAMS

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Jesus said . . . I am the bread of life: for that cometh to me shall never hunger (John 6:35).

Bread has long been considered the staff of life. By the offer of it, nations have been swayed. For the need of it men have sold their integrity.

Jesus had fed the multitude from the five barley loaves and the two small fish, and because of the wonder of this they sought Him the next day in Capernaum. Jesus told the throng, "Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat . . . and were filled" (John 6:26). "Labour not," He said, "for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life" (v. 27).

Then came one of His great "I am's"—"I am the bread of life," the Master said. How true this is! In the broadest sense He is the Sustainer of all life. But specifically, He is the Sustenance of spiritual life in this world and of eternal life hereafter.

As we partake of the food which we commonly call bread, and assimilate it into our physical systems, it brings to us the nutriment necessary to life, health, and growth. That is the metaphor Jesus is using when He states, "I am the bread of life."

Jesus Christ, not His teaching or His pattern or His philosophy—wonderful as they are—but Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Triune Godhead, is the Sustenance of spiritual life, the Nutriment of life eternal. If we are to be spiritually alive we must assimilate His person into our lives. His precious presence must course through our spirits—activate our emotions, dominate our motives, and captivate our wills—until we, like Augustine, shall cry, "O Lord, grant that I may do Thy will as if it were my will; so that Thou mayest do my will as if it were Thy will."

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35).

"Lord, evermore give us this bread" (John 6:34).

Brief Report from

Guatemala

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT VANDERPOOL

It was my great pleasure to visit Guatemala and get a firsthand report of the field and to see for myself the fruit of the labors of veteran missionaries, some of whom have gone on to their reward. As I stood by the grave of Robert Ingram, one of the most unselfish and tireless workers we have ever had on any mission field, I thought of R. S. Anderson, who had also invested his life in that field, and I earnestly prayed that the seed sown by such pioneers would be watered by the outpoured Spirit and that a great harvest of souls would be given in due time.

I preached on Sunday morning to over three hundred Rabinal Achi Indians who had gathered in their own commodious church which they had erected with but little cost to the Foreign Missions Department. They sang, prayed, played musical instruments (the like of which I had never seen before), gave welcome speeches, presented gifts, and in every way possible expressed their love for the church and her representatives who had brought to them the gospel of peace and hope. Brother Hudson interpreted my message in Spanish. The Indian pastor interpreted it in Rabinal Achi. When the interpretation finally reached them, a great chorus of "amens" rang out, broad faces were covered with smiles, and black eyes sparkled—all of which revealed to me that they had met our Christ.

My meetings with the missionaries two or three times for conference and prayer confirmed my feelings that no church has a finer or more loyal

group of missionaries than does the Church of the Nazarene.

The district assembly revealed a beautiful spirit of fellowship among missionaries, pastors, and laymen. Russell W. Birchard, the tireless district superintendent, gave a wonderful report of his work for the year. In closing his report Brother Birchard expressed his desire to see a church organized in San Salvador, where we have an excellent national elder established in his own home in the capital city. This field, Brother Birchard says, is now ripe and ready to harvest.

The first morning of the assembly was marked by a glorious outpouring of the Spirit. Many strong men were weeping and rejoicing under the moving of the Spirit. The older missionaries said they had never seen such a service in all Guatemala.

The district made splendid gains along all lines. They reported about a 14 per cent net gain in church members; \$32,000 was raised by the local churches for all purposes. Eight of the churches are self-supporting. There are a number of churches that are approaching self-support. These splendid advances indicate organization, loyalty, and sacrifice on the district.

I ordained seven elders, all of whom were Bible school-trained. Four of them were of the Kekchi Indian tribe.

We see great days ahead for Guatemala District as the 2,000 Nazarenes and the missionaries work together to build the Kingdom.

By L. GUY NEES

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Freeways!

There are two subjects of conversation for all southern Californians. One is the weather; the other, freeways. And of course these subjects gain for us quite a distinct reputation outside of California. Our freeways were designed and planned to care for heavy automobile traffic. And according to statistics we have the highest per capita auto-

mobile ownership of any place in the world. As helpful as these freeways are, there seem to be two main criticisms of them. One is congestion. This congestion is caused by the fact that, according to information recently released, these freeways were originally designed to carry a load of one thousand cars per lane during the rush hour. But because of

the increased automobile population some of them are now crowded with twenty-seven hundred cars and more per hour. And these freeways can be confusing too, especially to one who is a newcomer.

A recent cartoon pictured an automobile driver who had stopped his car at the approach of the freeways, and very reverently was beseeching for divine help as he entered upon the maze of circling cement.

Long ago, before modern highways or freeways or automobiles were ever thought of, a prophet described the way of following God as being a highway, and he wrote, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness."

Most people would not respond in the affirmative if you would ask them if they are interested in being holy. For the term "holy" usually carries with it the connotation of Phariseism, of legalism, of false pretenses, a "holier than thou" attitude. But in the true Biblical sense of the word, holy living is God's plan for normal living in this world. It may not be the natural way since man is afflicted and affected by sin, but it is the normal way. A contemporary theologian from one of our large universities has this to say:

"Holiness is not a popular word of our day; the opposite rather, is true. Even within Christian circles, the word leaves a sour taste in the mouth. We have been led to think of holiness as a showy piousness, as a 'holier than thou' hypocrisy, as sentimental and uncritical self-righteousness. Yet what can be more needed in our day than the stress on holiness? Wherever the Holy Spirit is, there also is holiness. When men cannot endure the thought of holiness, they put little stress on the Holy Spirit, and on New Testament Christianity. For our day we need to stress in season, and out of season, the power for holiness, which the presence of the Holy Spirit always gives. This is the crucial need for all of life."

This theologian continues: "There is, to be sure, much unpleasant holiness, so called. Self-righteousness is always abhorrent to the true saint. Self-made holiness is worse than sin, because it makes for

itself false security. True holiness is also unpleasant, but only to the self-righteous and the lukewarm. To them it is unpleasant because it judges them. Genuine Christianity is an offense to Christendom as a whole. Few there be that find it. Holiness is nothing but wholeness of life in the power of the Holy Spirit."

This, in modern terms, is a description of God's highway. It is God's way of normal living in this world. It is a life of freedom and victory over sin—a life that is under the control and guidance of God through the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

He wills that I should holy be.

That holiness I long to feel,

That full divine conformity

To all my Saviour's righteous will.

See, Lord, the travail of Thy soul

Accomplished in the change of mine;

And plunge me, every whit made whole,

In all the depths of love divine.

On Thee, O God, my soul is stayed,

And waits to prove Thine utmost will;

The promise by Thy mercy made,

Thou canst, Thou wilt, in me fulfill.

No more I stagger at Thy power,

Or doubt Thy truth, which cannot move;

Hasten the long expected hour,

And bless me with Thy perfect love.

When the Apostle Paul was writing to the church of Thessalonica, he reminded them that God "hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." Then the Apostle Peter, as he reminded his hearers of God's will for us, repeated the ancient command, "Be ye holy; for I am holy."

A life of true holiness is not in keeping with the spirit and the practice of this age, but it has not been in keeping with the spirit and practice of any age since the fall of man. But it is God's way. It is God's highway. It is God's freeway. And this freeway is neither congested nor confusing. It is an open thoroughfare that leads with increasing brightness to God's eternal kingdom.

Let us see what Isaiah had to say about this way and its destination. "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:8-10).

The glory of the Bible is that I can have the satisfaction that riches are supposed to bring, a real sense of contentment, success, and victory if I have fought the good fight, kept the faith, and finished the course. By not focusing all my attention on riches I have the true wealth, the true riches of love in Christ Jesus.—EARL MORGAN.

The Second Coming

The second coming of Christ is imminent. There is practically no theological controversy concerning this fact. The question is, *When* will He come? Are the indications pointing toward His soon coming?

In nearly every century since Christ went away there have been prophecy and expectation of His "soon coming." More than fifty years ago some prominent ministers thought the Second Coming would be in their day, but Christ hasn't made His second appearance yet. So the question still is, *When* will He come?

The question was burning on the minds and hearts of Christ's disciples when they asked: "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matthew 24:3) Their question was very clearly answered when He replied: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a *witness* unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14).

Then, when Jesus was saying His last farewell to His disciples, and charging them not to depart from Jerusalem until they were baptized with the Holy Ghost, He said: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be *witnesses* unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Now notice the word "*witness*" or "*witnesses*" in the above quotations—"witness unto all nations," and "*witnesses* . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth"; then draw your own conclusion as to how nearly this has been accomplished, and also the prospects for the nearness of its completed accomplishment.

It seems to the writer that God's wheat is fast getting its growth; that there are many bundles of tares to be burned, but also that a bumper crop of wheat is almost ready for reaping, ready for the filling of Jehovah's big barn; that the tiny mustard seed is rapidly growing into a tree; and that it will not be long until the three measures of meal will be saturated with the leaven.

The world has had two dispensations of two thousand years each—two thousand years before the law, and two thousand years of the law. At present we are nearing two thousand years of the third and Christian dispensation. And now, with

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the wonders of the atomic age that has burst upon the world, let us think of the marvelous changes that have taken place during the last fifty years, even in the Church of the Nazarene. When Brother Harmon Schmelzenbach left old Peniel College for the mission field in Africa a little over fifty years ago, think of the long, tedious journey, the small financial support, and the many months with no native ministerial assistance before he had his first convert.

Then think again of our present Nazarene missionaries, with many others, who have strong financial backing, with swift transportation and speedy communication at their convenience. In many fields the work is well established, with congregations well equipped with church buildings, hospitals, school buildings, and trained natives to help carry on the work. Besides, with the explosive atomic age upon us, the world is aroused from its long sleep and is open for the spread of the gospel of our Christ as never before. Today, defense lines of the world have faded away; even the oceans have ceased to be a defense.

With the possibility of annihilation hanging heavily over our heads, the nations of earth must learn to co-operate or perish. And now it is high time for all Christendom to make a united effort to get this glorious gospel of the Son of God to the "uttermost part of the earth." By the grace of God it can be done, and by all means it must be done—and the writer believes that it will be done within the next golden fifty years.

With the end of time and the Second Coming seemingly almost in sight, let our beloved Zion, the Church of the Nazarene, with every other Christian church and movement, pray earnestly and without ceasing for a mighty, united, sweeping, Holy Ghost *world revival*, and for the glorious second coming of our wonderful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

My beloved brethren of *all* faith, "Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

CHRIST, Our Pattern

By WALLACE A. ELY

The most beautiful quality of human character is to accept Jesus Christ as God's Son and as man's Redeemer from sin. A true acceptance of Him as God's plan for man's redemption carries with it man's receiving Him as humanity's unfailing Example. In Him man finds eternal life, earth's only perfect Teacher, and life's greatest inspiration.

Many criticize Jesus, but no one can qualify as His rival. He sets the pace for our walk, and He gives God's perfect will for our teaching. When we finish any task, we measure our accomplishments by His precepts and examples. This goes for our social, professional, commercial, and spiritual thoughts and deeds.

We search forever for the secrets of life. Jesus knows all about all life. Indeed, *He is Life*. When we receive Jesus we receive endless life. That establishes Him as the One to whom we must turn to find the secrets of life.

The only way for us to really know Jesus, the true Source of life, comes in our repentance from sin, acceptance of Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, and our dwelling in the center of God's will. Such a life not only has redemption from sin, but it also has rich rewards in this world and in the world to come. Any and all philosophies prove injurious or ruinous to society except as they are identical with the teachings of Jesus. The fall of Babylon, Rome, Germany, and all others in the pitiful ruins that have come to social groups from the earliest of time down to the present came to the groups because they went contrary or contradictory to Christ's teachings. All of us can think of many persons whose lives have been ruined for the same reason.

Jesus says, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). In John 14:9, Jesus told Philip, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." So knowing Jesus is knowing what God is like. Sin separated us from God. Jesus came as the Light of the world to show us the way to the Father (John 8:12). He is the "Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:9). Some love darkness because their deeds are evil, while others "walk in the light, as he is in the light." These "have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth . . . from all sin." Knowing God through Christ, we know what we are supposed to be.

We must trust the same Jesus Christ who saved us to guide us. After He has redeemed us from our sins, Jesus continues to lead us as He teaches, inspires, and guides us. Indeed, He sent the Holy Spirit, who will dwell in us and guide us into all truth. Thus we, a fallen humanity, receive redemption from sin, which gives us a redeemed life in this present world and glorification in the world to come.

If Christ's precepts and examples become our way of life, it follows that we will have human redemption as our first interest. No church organization or activity justifies its existence unless it results in the redemption of lost men and the edification and spiritual growth of the redeemed. Any other results mean that the church effort is miscentered and misguided.

When all of life is over and rewards are given to the faithful, all of the church fanfare will go with the wind created by the fan in the Master's hand. It is the wood, hay, stubble which shall be burned. All of the church activities and all of the personal contacts which are designed to enthrone Christ in the hearts of men and to lead men to lives patterned after Christ's life will stand as gold, silver, precious stones. These will stand the fiery trial and these will receive rewards (see I Corinthians 3:11-15).

The emotion in our breasts remains that of love if we are true followers of Jesus. No other emotion compels us like love. Divine love translated in the human heart knows no sacrifice too great to make in our efforts to reach fallen man. Indeed, it led Jesus to empty himself of all that God the Father and heaven had meant to Him for an eternity before. He came into the world made by Him, saying, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Matthew 8:20). A true Christian's love is as compelling as hunger or thirst. Being a possessive emotion, it cannot be forced to unconsciousness even for a moment of time.

The love of Christ was for the whole being of each person. It compelled Him to do something about man's physical hunger, dangers, sicknesses, and even death. Doubtless His deepest passion was for the spiritual ruin into which man had fallen. Love in the heart of a born-again child of God will compel him to weep with those who weep and

rejoice with those who rejoice. This includes exerting every possible effort to aid any and all members of the human race who need our assistance.

Jesus had a heart full of compassion. He wept over Jerusalem. One day He went outside of the city walls and died upon the Cross for its redemption. He wept over Lazarus when this one whom He loved had died. His love led Him to do something about it, so He raised Lazarus from the dead. Christian compassion manifests itself in action that does not count the cost. The welfare and needs of others become the chief motivation for a Christian's human relationships.

The more we emulate Christ's compassion, the more petty and trivial things vanish from our

everyday living. Self-seeking and self-centeredness cannot abide in such a heart.

People who are without God and without hope in this world will be touched by our compassion. Deep concern about and efforts to promote the welfare of others will touch men who are confirmed sinners. Moralizing with them tends to be a mockery to them.

Jesus Christ was not a respecter of persons. He was sure to do His utmost for saint and sinner, wise and foolish, rich and poor, or those in any other condition of life. When we follow in His footsteps we can say with Paul, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (I Corinthians 9:22).

Let's Not Rock the Boat



By KATHERINE BEVIS

"Don't rock the boat!" Many times this cry has rung out, and sometimes it has not been heeded—lives have been lost.

It is not only foolish, but downright dangerous, to rock a boat with helpless passengers on board. Many a life has been lost through such senseless recklessness.

It is far worse to ruin the peace of a congregation or the church at large, through ill-judged talk, senseless gossip, or destructive criticism.

This happens when a hue and cry is raised at imperfections in brethren. We church members are passengers on the ship of the church. The officials of our congregation or church body are, by our vote and resolution, acting as the crew. For the time being they are in charge of guiding the ship of the congregation and church through all manner of storms and quicksands and rocky shoals. They are interested and concerned in the peace and welfare of the church. They are doing their high duty according to their knowledge, faith, and ability. Much of their task is often unknown to the members for whom they are working and whom they are leading.

There are many good Christians who easily become pained and confused and suspicious when they note that someone is sounding out loud alarms,

casting grave doubts, or spreading ill-founded criticism. The history of the church shows that through this dangerous rocking of the boat many in the congregation and church are robbed of their joy and peace in the Lord's work, perhaps actually driven from the church or prevented from joining this or that congregation. Thousands of dollars, much valuable time and effort, thousands of manpower hours that could have been used for the upbuilding of God's kingdom were worse than wasted because the ship of the church was rocked with unnecessary controversies, endless meetings, and fruitless discussions.

True, there are wrongs that should be righted, shortcomings and defects that may be all wrong; but before plunging into an effort, let us make sure that the method and manner, the means and the timing have been carefully considered and are in line with the doctrine we have learned.

One of the devil's favorite temptations is to try to get us to "rock the boat." But if we will show prayerful concern over the progress of our church, and over all the passengers aboard this "boat," we will have the assurance that God, our Pilot and Captain, will see us through any of the storms and bring our "boat" safely to its eternal shore.

When the devil would tempt us to "rock the

boat," we need to remember that it pays big dividends to "sit steady" and let God work out the problem at hand.

The times in which we live are not favorable for a life in Christ. Our age is characterized by controversies, disputes, frettings, and criticism, but all these should not blind us to the fact that God wants faith and continuing faith, the consecrated

life, the growing life—the life that will "sit steady during the storm." The prophet's ringing question, "Should not a people seek unto their God?" challenges us to test the mouthings of the "boat rockers" before we agree to join them.

God is depending on us to hold the "boat of the Church" steady! Christian friend, don't rock the boat!

Is Your Intercom Working?

By HAZEL E. HOWARD

Ahead of me, the red light of the police prowler car blinked on and off. Someone getting a ticket, I thought. My deductions proved correct, but as I passed, I heard the car's two-way radio blaring.

"Calling three-two-seven. Number three-two-seven. There's been an accident on Highway 99 and Alabama. Proceed at once." I could still hear the radio as I drove on and then, its siren screaming, the car sped past me.

We marvel at the mechanical wonders man has perfected in the past decade, and yet how seldom do we exclaim with David, "I am fearfully and

wonderfully made" (Psalms 139:14)! We fail to realize that we have a built-in intercom system by means of which we can communicate with God. We can establish contact, not only in the quiet hour, but when we are about our work, when traveling, or wherever we may be—He can get in touch with us. Yet how often we are so preoccupied with our own petty interests we pay no attention to His voice!

Sometimes God is warning us. "Stay away . . . touch not." Deliberately, even defiantly, we may close the switch. Again He says, "Go and help," or, "Get in touch with a certain person."

"Too busy," we reply.

He may command us to cease from worrying. "Come ye apart . . . and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Or the voice says, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalms 46:10).

Again and again we hear of people who, when they have felt and obeyed the urge to write a letter to a certain person, or pray for someone, have received a reply that read something like this: "Your note of encouragement came at the very moment I needed comfort most"; or perhaps, "I knew someone must have been praying for me at that hour because the burden lifted."

It is difficult for the finite mind to understand how we can keep in touch with heaven at all times. Like Christ's disciples, we would prefer to lean upon His bodily presence. They had watched Him perform miracles. Once He had been with them, asleep in the boat, when a terrific storm arose. Frightened, these seasoned seamen awoke Him, crying, "Master, we perish." After stilling the waves, He rebuked the disciples for their little faith.

But later, when another storm arose and He was praying in a mountain, they were filled with fear as the boisterous waves tossed the boat about like a child's toy. If only He were there, He could save them! And then they saw Him, walking on the water.

"Be of good cheer," He called out, "it is I; be

PRAYER

By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK

Fair is the world that Thy hands have made;

Wondrous the heavens with stars o'erlaid;

Mighty the oceans, majestic the hills—

Nature's glad beauty my whole being thrills.

Thou who hast given me eyes to see,

Help me to rightfully picture Thee!

Wise were the scholars and saints of old;

Gifts have they given us richer than gold:

Law and philosophy, poetry deep,

History, prophecy—wisdom to keep.

Thou who hast given my searching mind,

Teach me Thy perfect will to find!

The world with its clamor and glamour I see;

Numberless voices call daily to me,

Offering much both attractive and bright,

Pointing to pathways that many call right.

Thou who my most human heart hast formed,

With Thine own holiness keep it warmed!

NEWS IN PICTURE

1. MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA, CHURCH celebrates fifty years along with the general church's Golden Anniversary. Marshalltown is the oldest church on the Iowa District. Pictured are Dr. G. B. Williamson (left), general superintendent, and the pastor, Rev. Frank Cook.



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2. WAVERLY, NEW YORK, FIRST CHURCH was awarded first place for its float in a city parade. The theme was "50 Golden Years." Rev. Burdette Mason is the pastor.



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Picture Side Lights of the GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Church of the Nazarene

3. BOONVILLE, INDIANA, CHURCH publicized the Golden Anniversary year of the Church of the Nazarene with this attractive float. Pictured with it are the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Leo T. Reed. Rev. Leo Davis is the district superintendent.



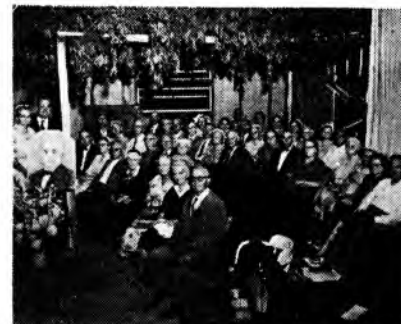
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4. ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, CHURCH celebrated the Golden Anniversary of the church by giving every member who had been in the general church for at least thirty years a genuine gold nugget. The church witnessed to over 1,500 during the Week of Witnessing.



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5. THE ILLINOIS DISTRICT featured pioneers who had been in the Church of the Nazarene for forty years or more under an improvised brush arbor on the opening night of their camp and assembly. Rev. Harold Daniels is the district superintendent.



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not afraid" (Matthew 14:27). When He entered the ship, the wind ceased and the sea calmed. He had shown them that, although His bodily presence was not with them, He was aware of their predicament and standing by ready to help. They had to learn that, when they could neither see nor touch Him, He was with them in spirit at all times.

As one writer says, "He is ever near" to bless and cheer even in the darkest hour. Yet how many times we have our receiving set turned off! How many times, when we are trying to run our own lives, He endeavors to contact us through a sermon, a voice on the radio, a memory, a scripture verse, or maybe a snatch of song, and we refuse to listen!

Walking down the street one day, I was worrying about a problem that seemed unsurmountable. A well-known tune hummed silently in my mind. It repeated itself over and over, but there seemed to be a mental block. The words eluded me. And then they tumbled out of nowhere apparently: "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world." The sentence hammered at my senses until I knew it was God communicating His message of hope to me. My faith was strengthened as I cast my burden on Him, and soon the seemingly impossible had happened.

From experience I have learned to always keep my intercom ready to both talk to God and listen for Heaven-sent messages wherever I may be.

Never . . . Peace

By ELIZABETH SPEAKES PAULSON

Looking over my evening newspaper, I ran across a short article concerning an explosion in a small skid row hotel in a large city. A tenant had walked into the lobby, wandered around for a while, no one paying any particular attention to the old bum, when suddenly the lobby was ripped apart by the roar of an explosion.

When the dust, noise, and falling debris had settled, a search revealed the center of the blast to be where the remains of the derelict lay. As they searched his room, later, they found materials left from the making of his crude bomb, but also lying

on top of the clutter a piece of paper on which was written, "I have never known peace."

What lay back of this man's desperate act? Had he been trained at one time to follow his Lord and had stubbornly refused? Had he met some grief in his life he could not bear? Had he failed in a supreme test in his past? Or, most thought-provoking of all, had those who should have shown him the only way to peace failed in the trust God had given them, thereby leading this lonely, agonized soul to destroy himself?

Christ, in comforting His disciples before His death, included such men as this when He said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" (John 14:27). How can we, His followers, fail to seek out those who are longing desperately for peace of heart and mind?

Because of His matchless grace—

Be Ye Committed to God

In the closing verses of the eleventh chapter of Romans, Paul had been meditating upon the "depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God" and was then inspired to write: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 11:33; 12:1-2). Having experienced forgiveness in the plan of salvation, it is of utmost importance that we face up to the challenge of these two verses—a full and complete commitment to God. He gave us His all. Dare we give less than our all? Paul claims it our "reasonable service" or the least we can do.

The commitment simply involves giving ourselves to God. The cry of the modern age would appear to be, How much can I get? God's way is

By PAULINE DIXON

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merely summed up in the five words, How much can I give?

First of all, we are to be living sacrifices. A sacrifice is the offer of a life to a deity, the surrender of something for a purpose. Paul beseeches us to present ourselves as we are to God for the fulfilling of His infinite purpose in us.

With the forgiveness of sins we become acceptable in His sight—an initial step which must be met. The sacrifice must also be found holy in God's sight. In giving ourselves we in turn receive the Holy Spirit of God, who purifies our hearts and lives for service.

Having made the full and complete commitment, it is of vital importance that we keep the experience. Soldiers at the battle front are fully

aware of the value of a spearhead into enemy lines. At all costs the vantage point must be held. Even so, this spiritual commitment is a spearhead into the territory of the enemy of our souls. That abandonment to God must be kept fresh and up to date continuously.

The mind—the inner fortress—must be God-controlled. Eve initiated the Fall when she began to think wrongly. Backsliding always begins in our thinking. Paul stressed the need for a renewed, transformed mind when He wrote, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). To Joshua was heralded the same truth, in stating that prosperity and success would surely be his lot if he would meditate in the Word day and night. We will be prepared for emergencies and be sturdy in the faith when we are fortified in the Word. Keep a radiant contact with God by having a mind through which Christ thinks.

When we first face such a commitment, we are inclined to think of it as a fearful ordeal, monstrous and repelling, completely in opposition to our own wishes. Young people are being quite normal when they have a secret dread of God's will in their lives. Only those who have made the

choices regardless of their own fears in the matter have proved it quite the contrary.

Paul, the prisoner, persecuted and imperiled in every conceivable manner, was able to call back from the heights he had attained in faith that God's will was good and acceptable and perfect—good and perfect in the light of eternity; always acceptable regardless of circumstances, for His grace is sufficient. Before a martyr's death, he declared it a good fight in which he had kept the faith. All the great saints have in turn met with trial and triumph. God's will for us may cut through our choicest desires, but we can trust Him not to baffle any plan which is not best to be foiled for our own good and His glory. We can completely trust the Man who died for us. He has not promised an easy voyage, but a safe landing.

May we then consider this—greatest of all commitments—our reasonable service, the least we can do for Him. Let us be radiant living sacrifices, holy and acceptable in His sight. It is encouraging to know that we can keep the experience up to date by means of the renewed, transformed mind. May it challenge us to let God use our lives and dare to prove His will—"good, and acceptable, and perfect."

We hear much in this modern day of presidential directives, executive orders, and other types of high-ranking determinations being passed on to subordinates. These messages carry with them a sense of urgency for obedience on the part of those who receive them. This brings to my mind the highest executive order ever issued. God said one day to Abraham, "Walk before me, and be thou perfect" (Genesis 17:1).

God's Directive

By HAROLD E. PLATTER

This order, true, was given directly to Abraham but it is imperative that we likewise obey its message. Abraham was only the immediate recipient of God's command. The outcome of obedience to this order would be a striking difference in the lives of men and women everywhere.

For embodied in this directive is found the necessary element for successful and practical holiness—that of walking before God in complete acquiescence to His will. The knowledge of sins forgiven and purified hearts has brought us into this high realm of living, but maintaining Christian perfection is our daily task.

As we walk before God we must ever remember that sinless living is our heavenly command. God has not asked of us the impossible! He sees the way that we take! He knows the paths that we walk! He takes note of our desires and needs! His promise is with us of His abiding presence round about us. So, as we meet the new days and various walks of life, the plan does not change or alter in the least. Holiness of heart and life remains the "order of the day."



EDITORIALS

Directions for Getting Saved

We live in Johnson County, that is, on the Kansas side of Greater Kansas City. It isn't an easy place to find. Sometimes there are those on the Missouri side who want directions for getting there. Here they are: First, locate Ward Parkway, one of the most beautiful boulevards in Kansas City. If you don't know where that is, then find the Country Club Plaza—anybody can tell you where it is; and almost anyone in the Plaza can tell you how to get from there to Ward Parkway, for it is right at hand. Go south on Ward Parkway for some distance, or until you come to the place where this divided boulevard becomes a two-way street. At that point turn right on Meadow Lake Parkway. Go two blocks, then cross State Line, and you'll be in Kansas. Bear to the left until you come to the second street, where you turn right. You will be going west then, and about the middle of the block you'll find a one-story house, painted green and white, which is numbered 2225 West 79th Terrace. Knock on that door, and you might find us there; that is, either Mrs. White or me, or both of us. These are specific directions for finding the residence of the editor. We are glad for you to have them, provided all of you don't come at once.

Can I give as clear directions to the sinner for finding God? I hope so, for getting saved is much more important than finding the editor's home. Anyway, I will do my best!

First, you must *want* to find God. There isn't any hope for you, so far as I know, unless you *want* to find God. If this is not the case, the best of

directions will do you no good. People don't hunt places where they do not want to go, and people don't seek God unless they want to become acquainted with Him. Therefore I say, first of all, you must *want* to contact God. But you may say, "I don't want to find Him, really, down deep in my heart; however, I would like to learn how to get to the place where I do want to know Him." I can give you some directions here: Read the Bible; pray; ask God to put the "want to" in you, to make you feel your need of finding Him. Go to church; associate with people who know God. That will help to make you hungry for Him. Begin to do something about it, and the appetite for God will begin to manifest itself.

But you may add: "What further must I do when I get to the place where I want to find God?" Get on your knees and ask God to save you; beg Him to give you a godly sorrow for sin if you do not already have it. Beseech Him to show you the difficulty and danger of continuing in sin. Not only do all this alone but look for places where you can go and others will join you in praying. There is no better place to pray than in the church and at the altar. When the preacher (pastor or evangelist) gives you an opportunity to kneel at the altar of prayer, don't let anybody or anything keep you from doing what you want to do. Go to the altar and pray. Repent of your sins. Then, after you have done everything you know to do and you are sure that you are "dead in earnest," believe God. He says, "If we confess our sins, he is

faithful and just to forgive us our sins" (I John 1:9a). He is more anxious to find you than you are to find Him; He will meet you more than halfway.

My directions, then, about finding God are: (1) You must want to find God. (2) Begin to do something about it, at home, in the church, and everywhere you have an opportunity. (3) Repent of your sins; be ready to make restitution if you need to do that, to make things right in your past life, to undo any wrong you have done, insofar as you can. Remember, God does not ask you to do

By *Stephen S. White*

the impossible. (4) Finally, believe. If you do all of this it won't be long until you'll be where God lives. You'll become acquainted with God. You will be saved. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). God is waiting for you to come, and it should not be difficult for you to locate Him. In fact, it will not be difficult for you to find Him if you really want to and begin at once to do everything you can to realize that "want to." "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Professor R. L. Lunsford and Dr. Leslie Parrott

During 1958, Rev. R. L. Lunsford, professor of practical theology and Biblical literature at Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois, has provided the material for the department of "Religious News and Comments," printed every two weeks in the *Herald of Holiness*. Professor Lunsford has served well in this capacity, as he has in the various types of service which he has given the church—in the pastorate and in Olivet Nazarene College. We were fortunate to have his service for this department in the *Herald of Holiness* during 1958. As I thank him, I present the man who will take over this task for 1959.

This is Dr. Leslie Parrott, pastor of First Church in Flint, Michigan. He has been a very successful

pastor and youth evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene. He is serving, at present, not only as pastor of First Church in Flint, but also as a member of the advisory board on the Eastern Michigan District. Recently he obtained the Ph.D degree from Michigan State University. Dr. Parrott has had experience in journalism, having specialized in this field in much of his graduate training. I am sure he will serve efficiently in the capacity for which we have chosen him for the coming year.

We Appreciate Our Friends

Congratulations from Dr. John L. and M. E. Brasher reached my desk after the Pilot Point meeting in October. These congratulations were given to Mrs. Felix R. Miller, pastor of Alabama City Church of the Nazarene, on the Alabama District. Later they were forwarded on to me. They read as follows:

Congratulations on the worthwhile and world-wide achievements of the Church of the Nazarene in the fifty years of history and service to scriptural holiness around the world. May your movement prosper as it bears uncompromised the banner of holiness. May catholicity of spirit and brotherliness toward all of like spirit always characterize the movement under your control.

Yours in Jesus,

DR. JOHN L. AND M. E. BRASHER
*Fifty-eight years definite workers
at the task*

Soon after receiving this congratulatory message I read a report of the annual camp meeting at Waco, Texas. It was signed by Rev. Dennis Rogers and appeared in the August 22, 1907, issue of the *Pentecostal Advocate*, published at Peniel, Texas.

I was especially interested in this report because I was raised about sixty miles from this camp and my mother attended it several times. Further, in the early years of this century this interdenominational holiness camp meeting was one of the largest in the United States. Third, Brother Rogers stated that they had "great crowds and some remarkable victories." He also mentioned the fact that Brother Brasher was one of the preachers. Certainly Dr. Brasher has had a long and distinguished ministry in the holiness movement. Thank you, Dr. and Mrs. Brasher, for your congratulations. We appreciate our friends!

The Man of the Hour

General Charles de Gaulle is being called "the man of the hour" for France. It is remarkable what he has been able to accomplish during the few months he has led that nation. France was all but

on the rocks; problems beset her pathway on every hand, and no one seemed to be able to get the confidence of the people and take over. Charles de Gaulle stepped in at the right time and he has won the hearts of the people. It seems now that there is hope for France. After all, we must remember that men are still important in the world. Leadership by human beings is still the most powerful visible force in the world. We rejoice with France in what has been achieved thus far, and certainly we wish the best for them as General de Gaulle soon takes over the presidency of the nation.

I have written what I have about Charles de Gaulle in order to say something about the Man of all hours—not just the man of this or that hour,

but the Man of all hours! Not just a man who could step into this or that crisis and meet the situation, but the Man who is able to step into any and every kind of crisis and save the day! That Man is Christ Jesus, whose birthday we have so recently celebrated. He is able to do what I have said He could because in reality He is more than man. I have not told the whole story when I have called Him a Man. He was not only the Son of Man; He was also the Son of God. He was not only man; He was God. He is not only man; He is God! All of us need to remember this fact, and also to remember that no one can help us as individuals, or as nations, in a crisis so well as Jesus Christ, the God-Man. We need the Christ of the centuries in our lives and in our nations!

Religious News & Comments

By **LESLIE PARROTT**

The Official Russian News Agency, TASS, reports that a University of Atheism has been opened in Ashkhabad, capital of Soviet Turkmenistan. . . . The forty millionth Gideon Bible was placed in a Grand Rapids hotel on December 13 by Mr. P. J. Zondervan, president of Gideons International. . . . At Jackson, Michigan, in bleak surroundings of the world's largest walled prison, a new \$150,000 church, located in the middle of the prison yard, opened its doors for regular services on Sunday, January 4, 1959.

Churches in Washington, D.C., have launched a bold attack on widespread Biblical illiteracy. Their solution is a 31-week TV course on "Life and the Teachings of Jesus." . . . Pastor Raymond Hood of Antioch, Illinois, "hates being out of touch." He installed a two-way radio in his car for quick relay of telephone calls from parishioners. . . . A 585-foot monument to Christ is rising on Morro Hill, dominating the entrance to the port at Havana, Cuba. . . . A missionary with 30 years' seniority in China reported in Washington recently that "about 180 foreign clergymen have been killed or died in Chinese Communist jails."

In a radio address in Honolulu, the national commander of the American Legion, Preston J. Moore, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, said, "Americans are beginning to find out that there is more human dignity in kneeling before God than in lying on a couch before a psychiatrist."

In a speech at the University of

Michigan, Dr. Emphraim Speiser, an expert in Semitics from the University of Pennsylvania, said, "All the fables and fantasies found in the early chapters of Genesis, such as those describing the creation of the world and Noah's ark, can be substantiated today through archaeological studies."

Dr. William G. Pollard, executive director of the Institute of Nuclear Studies at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, has a strong Christian faith: "Almighty God, the Creator, actually came down from heaven at a particular point in history, and for us men and our salvation, was made man."

The U.S. armed forces now use the letters "E O" on dog tags to identify Eastern Orthodox Christians, who were previously lumped in with Protestants. . . . A Catholic bishops' committee recently reported about 30 per cent of Catholics who marry non-Catholics are "lost to the faith." Methodist Sociologist Loeffler, at Garrett Biblical Institute, reports that one-half of Catholic-Protestant couples are lost to the church within their first year of marriage, and a Y.M.C.A. study reveals that only 34 per cent of the sons in "mixed" marriages become practicing members of either faith.

Twenty-two-year-old Raymond Jimenez was banned in Brooklyn seven years ago as an incorrigible juvenile gang leader. Today he is a key figure in a concerted evangelistic drive among the Spanish-speaking peoples in New York City, many of them recent arrivals from Puerto Rico. A thousand decisions for Christ were reported for November and December.

Foreign Missions

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

Prayer Request— British Honduras

Last Friday I went to Crooked Tree and enjoyed the boat trip and visiting in the homes after we arrived. But by midnight I had pain, fever, and chills. Evidently the inflammation that has brought on the blood clots in my leg has not been licked and set up a good disturbance. Nurse Johnson took good

care of me, and I was able to preach in the services by giving my message from a chair.

The doctor says that I have a smoldering infection and that it will take a lot of antibiotic taken over a long term to completely rid me of it.—**RONALD BISHOP, British Honduras.**

NOTE: Please pray for Brother Bishop that God will touch this infection and restore him to health and strength.

Servicemen's Corner



Services of Your Nazarene Servicemen's Commission:

There is a Nazarene chaplain or a Nazarene post pastor at each of the following locations:

Warrensburg, Missouri
Washington, D.C.
Webb Air Force Base, Texas
Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts
Whidbey Island, Washington
White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico
Whiting Field, Florida
Williams Air Force Base, Arizona
Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma
Camp Wolters, Texas
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
Yuma, Arizona

In addition to the listing of the bases in the United States, we also have post pastors or chaplains in these overseas areas:

Anchorage, Alaska (Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base)
Fairbanks, Alaska (Ladd Air Force Base, Fort Greeley, and Eielson Air Force Base)
Kenai, Alaska (Radar Station and Wildwood Station)
Canal Zone (Forts Gulick, Davis, and Sherman and Coco Solo Naval Base)
Honolulu, Hawaii (Hickman Air Force Base, Pearl Harbor, Barber's Point, and Fort Shafter)

Lanikai, Oahu, Hawaii

Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii (Schofield Army Barracks and Wheeler Air Force Base)

Also, our missionaries who are serving in the following fields act as post pastors for servicemen stationed there:

Naha, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands
Manila, Philippine Islands
Puerto Rico

Our pastors in Canada are always happy to be of service to your servicemen near their churches.

Every serviceman registered with our Servicemen's Commission receives *Conquest*, our youth periodical, free of charge. He may also receive others of our periodicals, including the *Herald of Holiness* when he personally requests them. Each time a young person enters the military service, have your pastor notify us immediately. As we receive new names, or when boys are transferred, we notify the nearest post pastors of the new addresses. We are anxious to help our youth around the world.

NAZARENE SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION
London W. Gilliland DIRECTOR

News from Bolivia

It is a time of changeable weather here, and there has almost been an epidemic of the flu. Mrs. Taylor and I were among those who had it. Right during the week of our meeting we had to spend some time in bed with it. With all our responsibilities it seemed we just couldn't pull out of it, so right after our campaign we arranged things as best we could and took off for a few days in the lower country.

Many had told us of the surprising change we would find after just a few hours' drive from La Paz. But one has to experience it to really appreciate it. We left La Paz a bit before noon and first climbed over the divide formed by the eastern Andean range. From there we dropped down with astounding rapidity. As we crossed the divide, it was spitting snow, but we soon were seeing genuinely tropical growths. At 4:00 p.m. we reached our destination at a small town where there is a modest but nice little hotel. The elevation is around six thousand feet, about half that of La Paz. Vegetation is completely tropical; with oranges, bananas, avocados, etc. taking the place of the cold weather crops around La Paz. Best

of all, the weather was balmy and warm, with none of the chill and quick changes we have been having in the high country. Rain is the norm there and clouds obligingly fulfilled their regular function, but it was not at all disagreeable. The change of climate and lower altitudes were the blessing to us we had hoped for and we returned after those few days refreshed for our task.

And we could not help but begin to pray that the Lord may make possible for us to open work down in that populous tropical country. Everywhere we see the Indians with their mixture of ancient heathen and Romanist superstitions in their poverty and ignorance. Vying with the tropical fruits we have mentioned above as their first crop we see everywhere the coca plant. This cocaine-bearing, short bush can be seen in close terraces in almost every open hillside over this fertile country. We feel as we did driving down through our lovely American Southland seeing tobacco patches—"Why cumbereth it the ground?" Here as there, Mother Earth's fertility is made to minister to the depraved habits of humankind. And here as among the supposed more highly civilized of this globe, they argue for

their vice, that it relieves the tensions of life, gives companionable occupation, puts men on a common level, etc., and of course that it doesn't do much harm!!!! Open-eyed, man seems to love to walk into slavery of all kinds, gives himself over to a reprobate mind, prating in the midst of it of freedom to do as he pleases. Thank God that the perfect law of liberty frees from the law of sin and death! We have never been more thankful than now to be missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ, giving the gospel in its purity and power to those who need it so much.—IRA N. TAYLOR.

Rev. R. R. Miller Improving

The first operation on Brother Miller's eye, in which the eye itself was removed, was very difficult. He was in the operating room for two and one-half hours, and remained in the hospital for two weeks. After five days at home the doctor ordered him back for a further operation on the same eye. So far, things are apparently going all right. We trust and pray that the good eye will not become affected by the disease. Please pray with us.—Mrs. R. R. MILLER, *Formosa*.

Thought for the Day

by BERTHA MUNRO



Prism of Eternity

(Matthew 5:1-2;

II Corinthians 4:6)

(Those many facets of the wonder-passage we call the Beatitudes!)

Monday:

Summum Bonum. "Blessed"—superlatively happy, with the kind of happiness that comes from the God whose nature is pure blessing; blessed with the essential good the philosophers have sought, the *summum bonum*, the value that is absolute. Thank God for revelation; the weary search may cease.

*The long, long night is past;
the morning breaks . . .*

The voice of authority speaks. "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom." Christ is the supreme Philosopher. (Colossians 2:3.)

Tuesday:

Laws of the Kingdom. Constitution of the new order set up; charter of the higher freedom, its articles the exact opposite of the present world system. "It hath been said," happy the self-sufficient, the grabbers, the fighters for their "rights," the gay, the rich, the influential, the popular. "But I say," happy the self-rejecting, the mourning, the meek, the peaceable, the hungry, the persecuted. Here is the daring to be different of the citizen of the *Civitas Dei*, the "City of God"; here is the fiat of the King of all kings.

Wednesday:

"Marks of the Christian." Standard of living of the Christian family defined. "By this . . . men know." "Living epistles"? Then this. Not some hazy ideal; rather, the test which worldlings have the right to apply; which we should apply first before we expose ourselves to scrutiny and possible discount. Whether we choose or not, this is what they expect to find. Christ, the Elder Brother, knows the family ways, and He is authorized by the Father to make them plain to us. (John 13:35.)

Thursday:

"Epitome of the Character of Jesus." Not cold commands these, or merely wise epigrams, but warm with the charm of winsome personality, crystal-clear in the spirit and conduct of One who lived the love that He ask of us. We

have seen the law of love embodied in our human flesh and cannot be satisfied cheaply. He woos us to follow Him and—unbelievable it seems—communicates to us the power to reproduce Him, however faultily, in our own humanity. He is the "author and finisher of our faith." (Hebrews 12:2.)

Friday:

"Heavenly Octave" (F. W. Borcham). The elements of which heaven's music is made, the tones of eternity's harmony, notes given us to sound out the beauty of Christ in a world of noisy discord. Out of these to create, each in his own rhythm and composition, a symphony of praise to God.

Saturday:

Secret Weapon. Surer than "atoms for peace," God's electric power. Stronger than any force that would oppose. It works unseen; quietly, surely, it generates currents of force that its enemies cannot understand or recognize, but that

will conquer the world. Nothing can stand against the man who identifies himself completely with the kingdom of Heaven.

Sunday:

Eternal Rightness. Ring of authority because expressing the eternally right relations between God and His creatures. Man with God: humble, penitent, dependent for supply and defense; receiving, spirit from Spirit. Man with men: unself-seeking, unretaliating, actively sharing sorrows, making peace, returning blessing for curse. Man himself, transparent with God and men, superior to the circumstances of this life, anchored in eternity.

Prism of eternity let down from heaven.

A young man, not long a Christian, told me casually that he reads the Beatitudes at least once a week—they keep him straight. Common sense—or uncommon!



ROY F. SMEE, *Secretary*

Inside Germany with the Johnsons

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Johnson, Jerry, Jr., and Denny have just spent their first Christmas in Germany. They found the German Christmas traditions, dating back for centuries, very interesting. Brother Johnson wrote, "On the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, the German people will light their first of four candles, set into a wreath, and sit around the family table talking about old times while they eat special Christmas cookies. St. Nicholas will arrive on December 6 and fill the children's shoes with candy and cookies. The shoes must be beautifully cleaned and shined and placed just outside the door. The Christmas tree is to be erected on December 24 and illuminated with real candles. This is also the time for the Christmas gift exchange. Both Catholics and many Protestants have midnight services on Christmas Eve." While these traditions are lovely and filled with religious significance, not all of the Christmas festivities are happy. "The dark note to these delightful customs is that they are accompanied with a tremendous consumption of alcoholic beverages." There is a real need for the message of holiness of heart and life that the Church of the Nazarene is now proclaiming to the German people.

The nine months the Johnsons have been in Germany have been preparatory in many ways. One of the greatest

hurdles was the language barrier. Mrs. Johnson, with a background of German speaking in her childhood, was able to refresh her knowledge of the language quickly and is now the official interpreter of the family. Brother Johnson entered immediately into intensive language study, with the goal of preaching in German within six months. This aim was realized, and it was thrilling to receive a letter from Brother Johnson that said, "I have preached my first sermon in German." That message was not polished. It had been practiced several times privately and then was read with American-accented German. But it meant progress and the beginning of a more effective ministry to the German people.

Another big problem has been securing property for a parsonage and our first church building. Germany is compact and populous. Fifty-one and a half million people live in an area the size of Ohio and Michigan combined, and the cities are centuries old. Land suitable for strategically locating a new church is therefore difficult to find. Three other factors have delayed and hindered securing property. One is red tape. The regulations and customs concerning property bring seemingly interminable delays in completing a purchase after property has been found. This is particularly true regarding a foreign organization and a church in a land where the recognized church is supported by the state through taxes

on all the people. The second factor has been the difficulty in understanding the technical procedures and legal terminology in a strange language. Understanding enough German to engage in street conversation is quite different from interpreting legal terms and understanding their significance, and this involves more than being able to translate the words themselves. The third factor is the prevailing belief among Germans—and all Europeans—that all Americans (or at least all Americans able to live in Europe) have all the money they need, or can get it by simply writing to America. This means that in purchasing property, dealing with architects and contractors, or just in buying any simple item, one must wrestle with the problem of one price for Germans and another price for Americans. In trying to get accurate cost estimates in planning construction, Brother Johnson has had to first try to get the understanding across that he must work within a limited and fixed budget. Sometimes that is not easy.

In spite of these many difficulties and many exasperating delays, excellent property has been located and purchased and plans are under way for the beginning of the construction of the parsonage, made possible by the offerings of our Young People's Societies. This will provide space temporarily for services in Frankfurt until the church building plans are completed and the first unit of our church built.

The learning of the language and these technical details are of course only secondary to the primary purpose of the Johnsons' being in Germany. Their desire has been to win souls. Yet all of these secondary matters contribute to this ultimate goal. The language must be learned; the confidence of the people must be won; they must be assured we are in Germany to stay; one by one, people must be brought to see their need of vital salvation. This has taken time, but Brother Johnson has been able to make contacts and gain the interest of a fine group in Frankfurt. Most of these are young people, curious about his mission, but eager for the truth. Brother Johnson can see prospects for future pastors for German churches in several of the young men. In Kaiserslautern, about sixty miles away, services are held weekly with a group of Germans who have been brought together by Nazarene servicemen stationed there. Little by little the groundwork is being laid for a flourishing holiness work in Germany.

We were thrilled and praised God when a letter was received from Brother Johnson, dated November 29, that said very simply, "God gave us our first Frankfurt convert this week." This was (Continued on page 18)

the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

What is existentialism, which seems to be closely related to neo-orthodoxy?

You are correct; existentialism is closely related to neo-orthodoxy. Because of this I am discussing your question immediately after the consideration of a similar question as to neo-orthodoxy. (See last week's "Question Box.") Existentialism is the soil out of which neo-orthodoxy has grown. Or, to use another figure, neo-orthodoxy is the offspring of existentialism. Existentialism is a world-view, one of the latest answers as to what life means. It is the most unsystematized of all present-day systems of thought or attempts to explain the nature of life and the world. Due to this fact, it is likewise the most undefinable of today's world-views. It is not easy to set limits to that which is in itself a revolt against system. Nevertheless, there are some enlightening statements which can be made about existentialism. At this point it should be said that these statements will overlap. This indicates that there is a sense in which any one of these terms would lead to or imply all or most of the others.

Existentialism, as the very name suggests, emphasizes existence rather than essence, or the reality of actual living rather than theories about living—speculative ideas as to what we are or where we are going. This means that this world-view, or existentialism, emphasizes that which is practical. Closely connected with this is the prominence which is given to experience. Someone has declared that existential "mainly and basically signifies what we are up against by actual experience." Thus existentialism is sometimes described as pessimistic. It faces the facts of life as they are at their worst. One writer has said that the central clue to the interpretation of the world for existentialism is man's existence as a finite, dying creature. But man can do something about this situation. He can face it and make a decision for God, take the leap of faith. This is the all-important crisis, if met as it should and can be; it will bring relief and satisfaction to a soul which has been torn by anxiety and loneliness. In this way anxiety and loneliness will be prevented from developing into despair.

In science and mathematics there can be an object of thought, but not so in philosophy and religion. God and religion can only be the subject of our thought. We can't stand off, as it were, and think about them. We can't be unbiased, or uninvolved, when our minds have to do with God and religion. Here we always have to take

sides. We can't merely theorize about them. This brings us to the charge which is most often brought against existentialism—its irrationalism. It is faith inspired, or stimulated, by revelation which provides the way for man to get out of his dilemma of sin and separation from God. Reason, pure reason, abstract reason can never do this. Kierkegaard's teachings were very definitely a revolt against a rationalism which was satisfied with a spectator-view of God, a kind of religion of the intellect which made it possible for people to be religious without becoming actually involved in religion. It was a religion which they didn't have to do anything about. Existentialism is forever against this. Sin separated man from God. God was far away from man because the latter was sinful and the former was holy. This gap could be bridged, not by reason, but rather by faith, by man doing something about it, making a decision, trusting God in response to divine revelation.

Strange as it may seem, there are not only Protestant existentialists—S. Kierkegaard, "the highly individualistic Danish Lutheran," as well as many other Protestants—but also some outstanding Roman Catholic thinkers are in this group. It should be added, also, that there are atheistic as well as theistic existentialists, those who do not believe in God as well as those who do. Their existentialism ends in despair. Their anxiety and loneliness are not dispelled by faith in God; they make no place for Him.

Two other observations should be made. First, existentialism is akin to all philosophies, or world-views, which emphasize in one way or another the primacy of the practical reason over the theoretical reason. Socrates moved in this direction, with his emphasis upon right conduct and God. Since that time there have been many revolts against abstract reason, accompanied by varying emphases upon the practical reason, or the mind's power of faith. Pragmatism and personalism both are in this class of world-views, the former perhaps more than the latter.

What's wrong with existentialism? Like most reactions, it tends to go too far in its criticism of the theoretical reason. Mental assent, which is objective and spectator-like, can't save, but it does give the mind a foundation of truth, which is absolutely essential to the leap of faith of which Kierkegaard makes so much.

Die Kirche des Nazareners in Deutschland

Frankfurt am Main, im November 1958

Die Kirche des Nazareners . . .

Die Kirche des Nazareners feiert in diesem Jahre ihren 50. Geburtstag. Sie ist ausgesprochen Wesley's. Theologie und international in ihrer Verbreitung.

In Kansas City, Missouri, liegt ihr Hauptquartier. Ihre Verwaltung erstreckt sich über viele Teile der Welt. Ungefähr 100 Kirchen des Nazareners befinden sich in Großbritannien. In Europa gibt es sonst noch in Italien mehrere Gemeinden. Fast 5000 Kirchen zählt man in USA.

Schon seit einiger Zeit hatten Gläubige dieser Denomination den Wunsch, nach Deutschland zu kommen. Hinzu kam das Verlangen von Leuten in Deutschland, die irgendwo Verbindung mit Gliedern dieser Kirche aufgenommen hatten, daß recht bald hier mit dem Dienst dieser Kirche begonnen werden sollte. Alle meinten, daß nicht wenige in Deutschland bereit seien, den Dienst der Nazarener anzunehmen.

. . . und Deutschland

Aus diesem Grunde rief der Rat der Generalsuperintendenten die Gesamte Kirche auf, eine Gemeinde der Kirche des Nazareners in Deutschland als Gabe für das goldene Jubiläum zu erbitten und ins Leben zu rufen.

Pastor Jerald D. Johnson, der im Verwaltungs- und Predigtdienst besonders reich an Erfahrung ist, wurde gewählt, um diesem Werk vorzustehen. Frankfurt am Main hat er sich als Ausgangspunkt genommen. Hier

of entering West Germany in 1958. The church has laid its hands upon one of its fine young pastors and commissioned him, with his family, to be the channel for the ministry in this day that our Lord declared was His: "To preach the gospel to the poor; . . . to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." With this commission confirmed in his own heart by the Holy Spirit, he was plucked from the congregation he loved and was serving well, and sent to a strange land. All of this is bound up in this first convert in Frankfurt.

One more step of progress is the printing of the first Nazarene paper in Germany. It is a four-page paper, about the same page size as the *Herald of Holiness*. On the first two pages is a statement about the Church of the Nazarene and its beginning in Germany. There is also an article, "*Heiligung—ihre Vernunftgründe*" ("Holiness—Its Reasonableness"), that is a translation of an article from the pen of Dr. R. T. Williams. We are printing a photograph of the first page reduced in size.

Let us continue to remember Rev. and Mrs. Jerald Johnson and their family in prayer. Pray for them in their future language study; pray for progress in the construction of their first building; pray that God will give them a wide range of influence upon German people with needy hearts; pray for converts and for God's call upon young German people in His ministry; pray for the printed word as our message goes out into the homes of the people; and pray for the health and safety of the Johnsons as they labor for the Lord.

the first dividend, the earnest of the future harvest, for the prayers and planning and dollars that have gone into our Golden Anniversary year goal

The Sunday School Lesson

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Topic for
January 25:

Jesus Reveals His Authority

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-27 (Printed: Matthew 21:10-17, 23-27)

GOLDEN TEXT: *For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes* (Matthew 7:29).

The force of authority: When Jesus moved into the Temple area, He observed practices which triggered Him into action. He saw that commercialized interests had invaded the sacred precincts of the Temple. The people were bringing their best animals and birds to offer on the altar of burnt sacrifice. Each offering had to be without spot or blemish. The Temple officials assigned the task of examining the would-be object of sacrifice would always make sure that some flaw was found that would disqualify the animal or bird. The worshiper left the blighted sacrifice with the examiners, then went to the Temple sellers of animals and birds to purchase one that would pass the examination. The disqualified animals or birds were taken to the money-changers and sold at a good price; then the money-changers would sell them to the dealers in Temple sacrifices for a

profit; then the worshipers would buy them from the dealers at an exorbitant price. The game was lucrative, but the dishonesty of the system was abominable.

Jesus foreclosed on the racket by upsetting the tables of the money-changers and driving the dealers and examiners from the Temple with a whiplash. He made them feel the force of authority announcing: "My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

The course of authority: Jesus does not allow His radical protest to wither His compassion for those who desperately need His assistance. The full course of authority swings all the way from fierce resistance to wrongdoing to fervent passion for doing good. As soon as Jesus put aside the withering whiplash He moved with a winsome smile among those who had withered limbs

and blind eyes. He now used His authority to heal everyone who needed His lifting touch. The Temple was now a house of comfort instead of a house of commercialism.

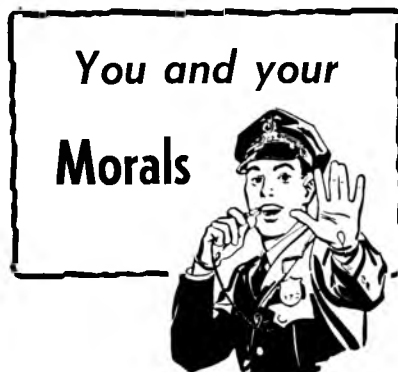
The chorus to authority: The blind eyes that He opened had never seen a sunset, nor a smile, nor a rose, nor a landscape. As light broke through for the first time, their eyes looked upon the radiant countenance of Jesus, and their eyes broke forth into fountains of tears. This crying gave the sound effect of a chorus of rhythmical expression as a tribute to the authority of Jesus.

Lips that had never uttered a word and ears that had never heard a sound were unlocked. Loosed tongues lifted a triumphant note of praise as voices blended in chanting: "Hosanna to the Son of David." Tears and tributes were pouring forth as Jesus exercised His authority for bringing happiness to the underprivileged.

The source of authority: A special display of power will always stop the world in its tracks and cause it to ask questions. How did you get it? Where did it come from? On this occasion the Temple officials wanted to know, "Who gave thee this authority?" Jesus did not give a direct answer, but presented a proposition that would force the inquirers to make their own conclusion. Jesus replied: "The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men?"

They knew that John's baptism was from heaven and that John was the forerunner of Jesus. Although they did not answer the question of Jesus, the implication was that His authority was from heaven. To the present moment the ultimate authority for righteous living is, "Thus saith the Lord."

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All the major league baseball teams during the 1958 season were sponsored on TV by beer companies. For years it has been rather this way with baseball.

Now the beer companies are taking over the sponsorship of professional football on TV. One-half of the co-sponsors of sixty-four national pro-

fessional football league games televised over CBS are beer companies. All twelve of the 1958 pro-football teams are sponsored by some brewing company—Ballantine taking over two of them; and Falstaff, five of the twelve.

Sponsorship goes to the high bidders, and such wreckers of all that is wholesome bid high to get their drinks associated with upstanding young athletes.

Along with this further taking over of sports events by beer companies comes a brand-new advertising policy by Distilled Spirit industry. A twenty-five year taboo against the use of women in liquor ads has been dropped. Henceforth members of this group, who represent 90 per cent of the industry, will use illustrations of women "in good taste."

For the past ten years bills for banning all alcoholic advertising have come regularly before Congress, but as yet no such bill has been successful. But a year ago, when Puerto Rum merchants began using women in advertising placed in the U.S., Senator Warren G. Magnuson warned of "... the real possibility that the continued use of women in advertisements ... may lead to the prohibition of all forms of alcoholic beverage advertising in the United States."

Write Senator Magnuson, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., who is chairman of the appropriate committee, urging such a ban.

J. KENNETH GRIDER, for the Committee on Public Morals

NEWS of the Churches



Nashville, Indiana—In August of 1958 we began our third year with this group of God's good people. The Lord has been blessing along all lines, and on two recent Sunday mornings folks came to the altar without any preaching. Our people were challenged to double their Alabaster giving, and in September we had \$100 in our Alabaster offering, for which we give God praise. A new gas furnace has been installed in the parsonage, and other improvements made. November 16 marked the close of one of the best revivals we have had, with Rev. D. F. Steininger, chalk-artist evangelist, as the special worker. Pastor and people are united to work for God. —HOWARD SMALL, Pastor.

Evangelist Herbert Land reports: "Since entering the field of evangelism on October 1, we have conducted five revivals and God has blessed in a special way. We held meetings with our son, Leroy, at the White Settlement Church, Fort Worth; with Rev. J. D. Dorough and the people at Quanah, Texas; then to Chase, Kansas, with Rev. Russel McCollom; at Hereford, Texas, with Rev. Claud Northcutt; and at Prairie Point,

near Gainesville, Texas, with Pastor Stewart. We had wonderful fellowship with pastors and people, the offerings were generous, and we thank God for His blessings. I am now home for the holidays and arranging my slate for the new year, with open time after January 1. Write me, Box 5112, Fort Worth, Texas."

Evangelist James W. Humble reports: "On November 16 we closed a good meeting in Ferintosh, Alberta, with Rev. W. E. Grunau and his people. It was a blessed privilege to fellowship this good pastor and his people. We found many people still serving the Lord that were saved during our pastorate there, 1927-29. At this writing I am in a meeting with Pastor George Wall at Loughheed, Alberta. In spite of very cold weather the people are faithful in attendance. I have some scattered dates left in 1959, and will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, 116 Holly Street, Nampa, Idaho."

Evangelist David C. Erickson writes: "We have now accepted a unanimous call to pastor our Grace Church in

Jackson, Mississippi. Since entering the field last January we have been busy conducting thirty-two revivals in nine districts, over many miles. God has been good to us and we appreciate our wonderful pastors and people. Although compelled to cancel a twenty-five week slate for '59, we feel that God is directing and we look forward to working with District Superintendent Otto Stucki in Mississippi."

Pastor W. J. Turner reports: "After much prayer we felt led of the Lord, in September, to resign our pastorate and in October we accepted a call to the church here in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. God has blessed and we are seeing His Spirit move, with a high note of spiritual victory. We have a wonderful people, dedicated to the work of God. Much of the credit for this fine spirit goes to former pastors and this fine people. Plans are under way to renovate the present basement structure, and to begin on the superstructure as soon as possible. The outside of the building is being covered with native natural stone, making a beautiful appearance."

Southern California District Sunday School Tour

The Southern California District recently completed a very successful Sunday school tour with Rev. Paul Downey, pastor of our First Church, Phoenix, Arizona, as the special speaker. In the afternoon session at each of the eight zone meetings, the pastors, superintendents, and supervisors met together and discussed Sunday school management problems. In the evening a big Sunday school rally was held with the best attendance of any tour on the district.

Rev. Murray L. Morford led the singing; Rev. Gerald Vandervort presented the Caravan program; and our district superintendent, Rev. Nicholas A. Hull, gave us a glimpse of home missions through the medium of branch Sunday schools.

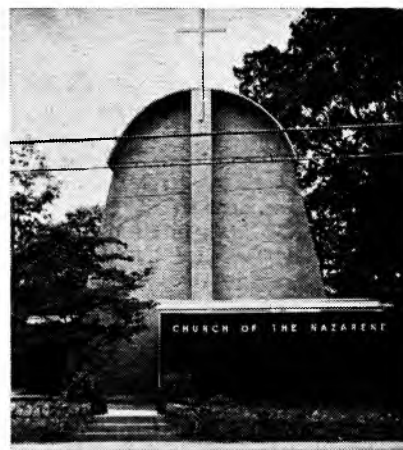
An award of a free scholarship to a boy or girl to camp next summer was given to each church that had at least 75 per cent of their officers and teachers present in the rally. Many of the churches qualified for this award.

Southern California is on the march for God. We thank Him for our opportunities, our challenge, and our increases.—FRANK C. WATKINS, *Chairman, District Church School Board.*

Versailles, Illinois—Our church recently enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist Florence Poole. She is an outstanding preacher and her messages were practical and uplifting. The church was blessed and encouraged, and twenty-seven souls prayed through to victory. We are enjoying our work here.—ARNOLD ROLAND, *Pastor.*

Pitman, New Jersey

The Church of the Nazarene was organized in Pitman on December 10, 1952, with 12 members. On last October 19 the new sanctuary pictured here, situated on a beautifully landscaped property over one acre in size in the heart of the community, was dedicated. More than 400 persons attended the dedication service, with Rev. Wm. C. Allshouse, district superintendent, giving the dedicatory address. The new sanctuary and furnishings, which include a Conn electronic organ and baby grand piano, are valued at approximately \$80,000. Church membership is 59, and Sunday school attendance in October averaged 142. Rev. William H. Kale, Jr., is the pastor.—Reporter.

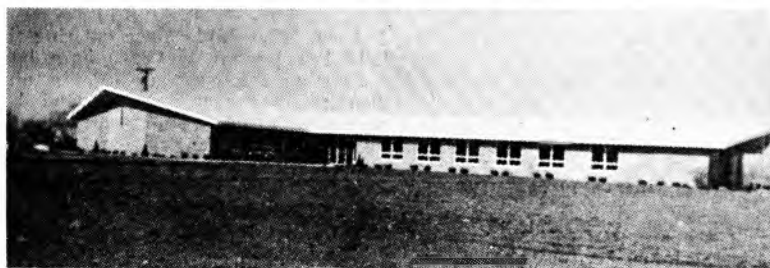


Chase, Kansas—The messages of Evangelist Herbert Land were blessed of God in our recent revival. He preaches with a tender spirit. In several of the services God came in mighty power, and souls received spiritual help at the altar of prayer.—RUSSEL R. MCCOLLOM, *Pastor.*

Pastor T. E. Holcomb reports from Harlingen, Texas: "Since our coming to First Church here a short time ago, God has been blessing. We have a fine group of people in this Rio Grande Valley

church. They stand by the church and pastor, new people are coming to the services, and our Sunday school is making some good gains. Our Sunday evening crowds are the largest the church has had in years; also the five groups of young people who meet each Sunday evening are having good attendance. We have received a nice class of members into the church, and our people gave the largest Thanksgiving offering in some time. Seekers are bowing at the altar and receiving help from God. If you have friends here at the Harlingen Air Base, write us at 314 South Tenth Street."

South Flint Church, Michigan



On last February 25 a gas explosion completely destroyed our entire church building. Pictured above is the result of eight months and eight days of strenuous labor and prayer. Located on a 6½-acre plot of ground, two miles from the old location, we have the first two units of our building completed. Our first service was on November 2, with 355 in Sunday school, and the auditorium seating 314 was filled, with extra chairs occupied also. With the church located in a new area, and with many of the neighboring families in for the first service, our hearts are encouraged as

well as our responsibility increased. Future plans call for a larger auditorium at the east end of this structure and the present auditorium made into Sunday school facilities and young people's chapel. These two units, with a large parking area (to be paved in the spring), are valued at \$100,000 and our debt on them is only about \$26,000. We thank God for His watch care over us in that no one was injured in the explosion, and with grateful hearts we go into our new field to win souls for the Kingdom.—WM. O. WELTON, *Pastor.*

Freedom, Pennsylvania—In November we had a gracious revival with Ralph and Connie Swisher as the special workers. It was the best attended revival in the church's history, with many new people contacted. Sister Swisher's preaching and Brother Swisher's drawings and singing were heart-searching, and God used them to win new souls and for the reclamation of others for the Kingdom. A fine love offering was given the pastor and wife, and a week following the revival eight new members were added to the church. We thank God for the ministry of these good workers.—E. J. HASTIE, *Pastor.*

Ardmore, Oklahoma—On October 26, First Church closed one of its greatest revivals. The ministry of Evangelist H. D. Burson was blessed of God. A fine class of twenty-three people was received into church membership, only four of them by transfer.—JACK WORTHY, *Pastor.*

The forty-third annual session of the Brooklyn Holiness Convention was held October 24 to November 2, at the Salvation Army Citadel in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Myron F. Boyd did some excellent preaching on the deeper life, and much good was accomplished in this spiritual life crusade. There was an increased attendance, with good unity among the brethren. Dr. Ernest Steury

thrilled our hearts with his missionary message. At the annual business meeting, Captain Clifton Sipley was elected chairman, and the writer as secretary. Plans are being made for a bigger convention next year.—CLIFTON T. MATTHEWS, *Secretary*.

Canada West District Preachers' Meeting

In the scenic winter beauty of the Canadian Rockies, the Canada West District held its preachers' meeting, December 1 to 4, at the Banff School of Fine Arts in Banff, Alberta. The entire program was guided by the capable hand of our district superintendent, Dr. Edward Lawlor.

The guest speaker, Dr. S. S. White, editor of the *Herald of Holiness*, made a wonderful impact on the group as his whole personality shone through his lectures and seminars on the subject "This Is John's Day." The lectures were both illuminating and stimulating.

Also of outstanding caliber were the morning devotional messages by President Willard H. Taylor of Canadian Nazarene College. His theme, built around II Corinthians 4:1-5:4, focused the attention of the preacher on the integrity, the message, and the rewards of the ministry.

Panel discussions, hobby classes, recreation periods, preachers' wives' classes, good meals, and an "open house" at the new district parsonage in Calgary rounded out the splendid program. Each preacher and wife returned home confident of God's blessing upon the Canada West District, and encouraged to launch a great offensive for Christ in 1959.

Special recognition is due those who assisted in making the program such a success—Revs. Herman L. G. Smith, D. W. Hildie, C. J. Muxworthy, A. J. Loughton, W. R. Robinson, David Blum, and Paul Hicks; also Professor John E. Rosefeld and the music faculty of C.N.C., Mrs. Edward Lawlor, Mrs. H. L. G. Smith, and Mrs. W. H. Taylor.—E. DRELL ALLEN, *Secretary*.

Rev. Gene W. Cochran writes: "After three years in the field of evangelism I felt led of the Lord to accept the pastorate of our church at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (Akron District). Coming in June, we found that Rev. Clifford L. Walton had led these fine people off to a good start, purchasing acreage for a new location with plans for building. God has been blessing and many souls have prayed through. We had over five hundred 'witnesses' in the visitation program, also passed out one thousand copies of the special anniversary *Herald of Holiness*. In our 'wheelbarrow' Thanksgiving offering our people gave over three hundred dollars. The pastor served as evangelist for our anniversary revival, with a good number of souls saved and some believers sanctified. Fifteen new members were added to the church, for which we give praise to God."

Rev. Pearl (Meyer) Gardner writes: "I am an elder and commissioned evangelist and am available for revival meet-

Arcadia, Florida



We stand amazed at the blessings of God and the success He has given in the work here. The beautiful building pictured here is a modern miracle in answer to the prayers of God's people. The sanctuary was completed about one year ago, and by the first of the year a move was under way to add much-needed Sunday school rooms. The auditorium, including platform and choir section, is 40 x 60 feet, with terrazzo floors and commercial tile ceiling. The aqua-colored walls and rose beige carpeting in the aisles and around the altar and platform blend beautifully with the blonded-wood trim and doors. The building sits on a full city block, with beautiful surroundings, including an illuminated cross high up in the front gable. The

main building houses a nursery with soundproof glass and sound system, with choir room, Sunday school superintendent's office, and pastor's study. The Sunday school rooms are built in motel style, with plans to add a young people's chapel at the rear of the sanctuary. Thus far the buildings have cost us \$25,000, and we have been told by the mortgage companies we have a plant worth twice that amount. The pastor served as general contractor and we were able to buy at rock-bottom prices. The Lord called us here four years ago, and we fell in love with this lovely, friendly town and our fine Nazarene people. If coming to Florida, visit us here at Arcadia.—FLOYD N. BRADLEY, *Pastor*.

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Pastor Hoyle C. Thomas reports from Newton, Kansas: "We are now serving in our third year as pastor of the wonderful congregation at First Church. Since coming here in September of 1956 we have had a most fruitful ministry under God's direction and the co-operation of our people. During the

past two years over 700 people have knelt at our altars, most of them in our regular Sunday evening services. What a thrill to see the spirit of prayer upon our people and seeking souls finding Christ! There have been as many as 26 seekers in regular services. We have had good revivals with Evangelists John Logan, Bernie Smith, Wm. Fisher, Clayton Bailey, and recently Harold Volk and Singer Lois Ferguson. Our church has been a "12 per cent" church for the past two years in general giving; the Thanksgiving offering this year amounted to \$1,300. On December 7, with Dr. Roy Cantrell and the Troubadour Quartet, our church pledged \$3,784 for Bethany Nazarene College. Golden Anniversary week, October 5 to 12, was a most significant occasion. Attendance on October 12 was 525—a new record; also October produced a new monthly record of 356. We have had as high as 300 in our Sunday evening evangelistic services. Our people are loyal and we are happy in God's work as a Nazarene minister serving a splendid church and congregation."

"I Just Must Have It!"

"Please pray that God will give me the experience of entire sanctification. I just must have it. I can't live without it. Pray that the enemy will be defeated in my life." So writes a faithful listener to "Showers of Blessing." The seed has been sown, the desire created, the heart is yearning, and the soul will soon be satisfied; for the promise is, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord."

"I have listened to your 'Showers of Blessing' broadcast and it has given me a mind to serve God and to walk in His ways. My age is fourteen . . . I have always wanted to be a Christian, so therefore I am asking you kindly to instruct me how to be one."

What a debt we have to pay in these two requests: "Please pray . . . I just must have it," and, "Instruct me how to be one [Christian]." Unfortunately, we do not have a Church of the Nazarene near either of these seekers. Our only contact is over the radio. Doubtless there are hundreds of others just as needy who do not take time to write in or have an opportunity to visit our churches; yet "we are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure as we have received it."

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MRS. LELA MAE EMMERT was born September 27, 1894, in Montague County, Texas, and died September 28, 1958, at Tulsa, Oklahoma. In 1912 she was united in marriage to Rev. Joseph S. Emmert. To this union were born five sons and two daughters, all of whom survive. She was converted early in life, joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1920, and was a devoted Nazarene pastor's wife for thirty-five years, serving with her husband in pastorates in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. At the time of her death they were pastors of Springdale Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was a loving companion, faithful mother, loyal Nazarene, devoted Christian and served faithfully and joyfully. She was in charge of the special missionary service in the Wednesday night prayer meeting the night before her death. She is survived by her husband, Rev. J. S. Emmert; five sons: Eddie and Harold, of Orange, Texas; Rev. J. Louis Emmert, pastor at Tulsa, Oklahoma; Rev. H. C. Emmert, pastor in Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Samuel Paul, of Bethany, Oklahoma; also two daughters: Mrs. Allie Mae Eppler, of Britton; and Mrs. Ruth Laport, of

Bethany, Oklahoma; two brothers; and three sisters. Funeral service was conducted by Dr. I. C. Mathis, district superintendent, with interment at Mangum, Oklahoma.

HARVEY C. HUMBLE, age seventy-one, husband of Rev. Bertha Humble, of Kankakee, Illinois, died July 12, 1958. He died triumphantly after telling his family that he was going to heaven, and asking them to be true to Jesus and plan to meet him there. Funeral service was held at First Church of the Nazarene in Kankakee, Illinois, where he was a faithful member. Interment was in Memorial Gardens, Kankakee.

ALBERT JAMES COLE was born February 14, 1881, at Waukegan, Illinois, and died August 10, 1958, at his home in Hemet, California. He was a member of the Hemet Church of the Nazarene, and active as organist, Sunday school treasurer, and trustee on the church board. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eva Cole; a son, Harold, of Denver, Colorado; and a daughter, LaVonne, of Hemet; also three brothers and one sister. Funeral service was held in the Hemet church with his pastor, Rev. Paul W. Urschel, officiating, assisted by Rev. Lowell H. Young. Graveside services were conducted at the Fairhaven Memorial Park in Orange, California, with Rev. B. Edgar Johnson, pastor of Santa Ana First Church, conducting the committal service.

MRS. VERA ALICE JOHNSON, or "Aunt Alice" as she was affectionately known by her many friends, was born November 23, 1867, at Kansas City, Missouri, and died July 27, 1958. She came to Hemet, California, in 1922, where she made her home and became active in the local Church of the Nazarene. She held many offices in the church until poor health kept her from attending. She is survived by five grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and thirteen great-great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held in the Hemet church with her pastor, Rev. Paul W. Urschel, officiating, and interment was in the local cemetery.

RUBY IMOGENE (Raab) COLLINS died May 2, 1958, at Kankakee, Illinois. She was born January 6, 1926, at Brazil, Indiana. She was active as a teacher at Olivet High School. She was the wife of William R. Collins, also the mother of four girls and one boy.

MRS. MINNIE M. FRENCH, age eighty, died June 14, 1958, after a brief stay in the hospital in Manchester, Connecticut. She was the wife of the late Rev. Earl T. French, who became a minister in the Church of the Nazarene in 1908. She was born in 1878 in St. James, New York. She had lived in Manchester sixteen years, an active member of the local Church of the Nazarene and also of the W.C.T.U. She is survived by three sons: Daniel M., of Manchester; George E., of Winchester, Oregon; and Irwin K., of Boston, Massachusetts; also two daughters: Anna C., of Manchester; and Mrs. Fred G. Smith, of Portland, Maine; and a sister, Mrs. Folger P. Fellows. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Clarence Winslow, with burial in East Cemetery, Manchester.

JANICE LLOREE, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Reynold Russell, of Woodward, Oklahoma, was born June 28, 1958, and killed August 27, in an automobile wreck near Casa Grande, Arizona, in which the rest of the family were involved. Besides her parents, she is survived by a sister, Judy, and a brother, Danny. Funeral service was held in Grand Prairie, Texas, with Rev. Hugh B. Dean and Dr. Orville W. Jenkins bringing brief messages.

Announcements

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Norman W. Bloom of Hastings, Nebraska, a daughter, Mary Beth, on December 15.

—to Chester and Margaret (Sutherland) Carlson of Chicago, Illinois, a son, David Lawrence, on November 16.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grime Gardner, Jr., of Sacramento, California, a son, Harold Grime Gardner III, on October 31.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Karl A. Gruber of New Castle, Delaware, a son, Jonathan, on September 26.

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SAMUEL YOUNG
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December 11, 1958

Dr. S. T. Ludwig, General Secretary
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Dear Doctor Ludwig:

I am reporting to you that I finally made it to Pilot Point, Texas, last Saturday, December 6. I was a bit late for the anniversary meeting--in fact, nearly two months late--but I want to report to you that I was pleased, even thrilled with what I saw. I like the arrangements--the park with its enclosure and sidewalks and shrubbery, and I was especially pleased with the monument. I hope our Nazarenes will plan to stop by there in the years to come as they travel through the Southwest.

I also wish to thank you for that fifty minute long-playing record of the anniversary service which was received this week. It is just what I wanted. I was able to capture something of the spirit of that history-making meeting. You know that I couldn't be in Texas and in South Africa at the same time, but this recording gives me the heart of the service. I am requesting the Publishing House to send a record to both Dr. C. H. Strickland and Dr. W. C. Esselstyn of South Africa.

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Sincerely yours,

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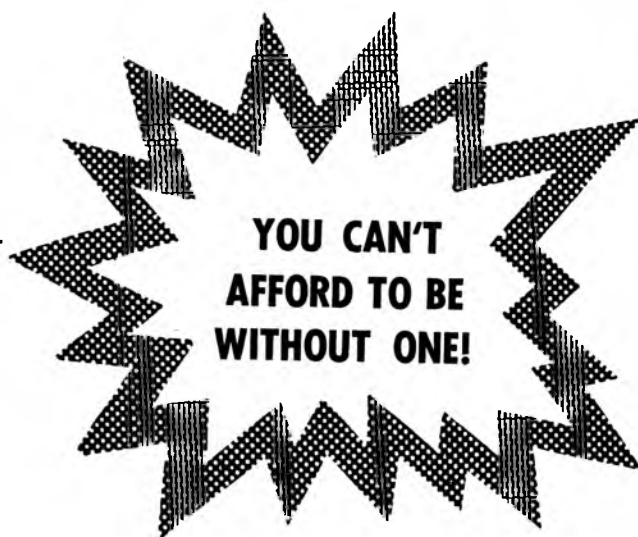
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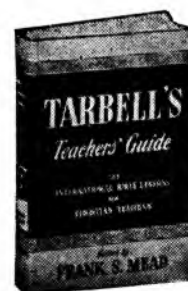
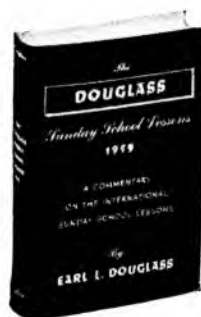
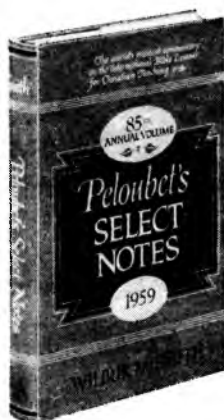
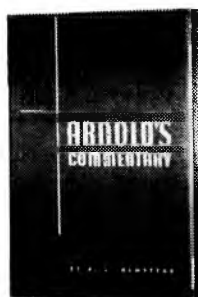
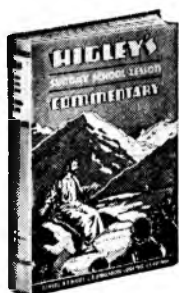
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